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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Foung *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/728,720  
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For: PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF HCV INFECTION  
EMPLOYING ANTIBODIES DIRECTED AGAINST  
CONFORMATIONAL EPITOPES

Examiner: Wortman, D.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2003 in the above-referenced application, allowing claims 9, 92, 98, 95, 97, and 103-107, objecting to claims 16, 20, 21, and 27, and rejecting claims 1, 8, 12, 14, 15, 17-19, 22, 25, 26, and 28 insofar as the latter claims are drawn to the antibody designated as CBH-2. The cited reference is Persson, et. al., WO 97/40176. The following remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

Remarks begin on p.2 of this paper.

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